



William R. Kuhn

September 2, 1922 - January 17, 2009

William R. Kuhn, 86, passed away Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, Maryland

He was born September 2, 1922 in Southampton, Mass., a son of the late Richard D. and Florence (Stanford) Kuhn.

He attended Boston University where he graduated in 1944 with a Bachelor of Science in Education, and from there he went to serve a tour in the Marine Corps from 1944 to 1946. While in the Marine Corps he met Gladys Mae Glover, whom he married on October 13, 1944. He went on to receive his Master's Degree in Education from Springfield College. His teaching career began in Hardwick, Vermont. Mr. Kuhn then went on to Hanover, New Hampshire, where he taught physical education for six years. In 1953 he moved to Snow Hill, Maryland, where he taught physical education and coached several sports. Mr. Kuhn was promoted to become the principal of Snow Hill Elementary School in 1959. He later became the principal of Snow Hill Middle School, where he worked until his retirement from Worcester County Public Schools in 1980. Following his retirement, he worked as assistant director for C. E.T.A in Snow Hill for several years. Mr. Kuhn remained active with his support of the youth in Worcester County throughout his life. He served on the Worcester County Ethics Board and was an active member of the Gideons Bible Society. He will be remembered as being instrumental in the preservation and restoration of the former Snow Hill Elementary School. He was a member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church

for several years, where he served on various committees. He later became an active member of Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, where he and his dog faithfully attended services. His love for the outdoors included hunting, fishing, and gardening. He was a farmer at heart and had a love for animals. Mr. Kuhn was a loving father and grandfather, and was a devoted husband to his wife, Gladys. They were married for over 62 years at the time of her death in 2007. His family says there wasn't anything he couldn't do or fix. He was truly a good man who lived what he believed.

He is survived by two daughters, Janice Ann Willis, and her husband , Eugene of Hatteras, North Carolina, and Kathryn Erna Kuhn-Malpass, and her husband, Barry Douglas, of Mardela Springs; two sons, William Robert Kuhn II, and his wife Debra, of Newark, Md., and David Franklin Kuhn of Snow Hill; seven grandchildren, William Robert Kuhn III, Ryan Christopher Kuhn, Christopher Walters, Adam Campbell, Melba Jean Malpass, Claire Elizabeth Malpass and Kimberly Grace Malpass; a brother, Richard Kuhn of Connecticut; three sisters, Betty Brown of Connecticut, Patty Butt of North Carolina and Marian Powers of Minnesota; and by several nieces and nephews; as well as his faithful canine companion, Achilles.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys M. Kuhn and a sister, Margaret Madsen.

A private funeral service will be held on Tuesday at Mount Olive United Methodist Church in Snow Hill. This will be followed by a funeral service for family and friends at 2:00 p.m. at Bates Memorial United Methodist Church, on the corner of Washington and Market Streets in Snow Hill. Friends may call from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow the services in Whatcoat Methodist Church Cemetery on East Federal Street in Snow Hill.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, MD 21811 or to the Gideons of Wicomico County, 100 N. Fruitland Blvd, Fruitland, MD 21826.

Arrangements are in the care of the Short Funeral Home in Delmar.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bates Memorial United Methodist Church
116 N. Washington Street
Snow Hill, MD

Service

JAN **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

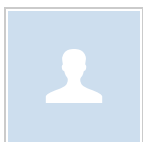
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Tribute Wall



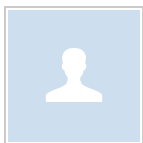
“ Janice, Kathy, Bill & David: Please know that my heart is with you guys during the this time. I truly understand your thoughts and prayers. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of my Dad. I know that your hearts are heavy and that memories flood your soul. And that is what you can take with you every day, the memories and love. Uncle Willie was very special and we shall miss him also. I will always treasure the visits, both to and from Maryland. We had a small snowstorm here in NC Tuesday with 6-7 inches of snow that prevent our attending services. Please know that you were in our hearts and thoughts and will continue so. May the Holy Spirit give peace to your hearts. Love to all, Jr & Rita##imported-begin##Thurman Tyson, Jr.##imported-end##

January 21, 2009 at 06:38 AM



“ My family knew what a wonderful man Mr. Kuhn was and were saddned by his death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your famililies at this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Diane Koppelman##imported-end##

January 20, 2009 at 11:10 AM



“ I have known Mr. Kuhn all my life. I grew up with his grandson's Robbie and Ryan. My grandparents, Paul & Esther Shockley and Mr. & Mrs. Kuhn lived "a dirt lane" apart from eachother and we would visit with eachother occasionally. I would always see Mr. Kuhn in his bib overalls walking his dog down the dirt lane. Mr. Kuhn was a generous and noble man that will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you Robbie and Ryan and your family.##imported-begin##Tracy Lynch##imported-end##

January 20, 2009 at 09:52 AM



“ To the family,
You are in the thoughts of so many people right now.
Please know that support, love and sympathy are with you during
this difficult time.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Ray Jackson###imported-begin###Ray Jackson###imported-end##

January 20, 2009 at 09:04 AM



“ Hello
Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My prayers are with you,
so believe and trust God when he said he would send a comforter.
Will email you again soon.

A Friend Always
Lois Waples###imported-begin###Lois Waples###imported-end##

January 19, 2009 at 11:28 PM



“ Mr. Kuhn was quite a man and quite a teacher from all I have ever heard about him! He never taught me but he taught my brother. He always came to my class reunions and was just at our 50th in the fall, for he had taught all the boys in that class and even some of the girls. I saw him and talked to him several times when I returned to SH to visit my brother, Tom.
He is going to be remembered certainly for many things, but, at our reunion, I heard how he was the person who was instrumental in saving our old SHHS, and I thank him for it!
In school, I rarely heard him raise his voice but if he did, it would be only slightly, and everyone knew he meant business. He was very even-tempered.
This gentle, kind man who went out of his way to help others is going to be sorely missed by all of his past students and by the students who were in the school when he was there.
May God receive him and may God bless his family during the months and years ahead without him.##imported-begin##Loretta Fitzsimmons Hill##imported-end##

January 19, 2009 at 10:59 PM



“ I am so sorry that I am unable to attend the service for Uncle Willie. He was a remarkable and brilliant man. I remember going for walks with him when all the family was together at Grandma and Grandpa Glover's. He always used every moment as a teachable moment. I will greatly miss him and just wish he could have met my children. They would have loved him as I did. My love and sincere condolences to the family. Love, Jeannie##imported-begin##Jeannie Glover Golden##imported-end##

January 19, 2009 at 07:39 PM



“ *May God walk with Mr Kuhn's family in the coming weeks and months.*
God bless all of you.##imported-begin##Nellie Dryden##imported-end##

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